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Incentives for Working Grass, Range and Pasture Lands

Beginning Sept. 1, farmers and ranchers can apply for financial assistance to help conserve working grasslands, rangeland and pastureland while maintaining the areas as livestock grazing lands.

The initiative is part of the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a federally funded program that for 30 years has assisted agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat. In return, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. CRP has helped farmers and ranchers prevent more than 8 billion tons of soil from eroding, reduce nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively, and even sequester 43 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equal to taking 8 million cars off the road.

The CRP-Grasslands initiative will provide participants who establish long-term, resource-conserving covers with annual rental payments up to 75 percent of the grazing value of the land. Cost-share assistance also is available for up to 50 percent of the covers and other practices, such as cross fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife. Participants may still conduct common grazing practices, produce hay, mow, or harvest for seed production, conduct fire rehabilitation, and construct firebreaks and fences.

With the publication of the CRP regulation today, the Farm Service Agency will accept applications on an ongoing basis beginning Sept. 1, 2015, with those applications scored against published ranking criteria, and approved based on the competitiveness of the offer. The ranking period will occur at least once per year

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Origin of the Texas Flag

"Montgomery County is the birthplace of the Lone Star Flag," says Sally Copley, executive director of the Montgomery County Heritage Museum in Conroe. The museum has a copy of the original sketch of the Texas flag done by Dr. Charles Stewart, who lived near the present town of Montgomery. The original drawing is in the state archives.

"He designed that in 1839," says Sally. "It was signed by the Republic of Texas President, Mirabeau B. Lamar. It became the official state flag in 1845 when Texas joined the United States." When Dr. Stewart handed his sketch to President Lamar, it was facing Dr. Stewart. President Lamar, sitting at his desk across from Dr. Stewart, signed it without turning the page to face him, so President Lamar's signature is upside down on the sketch.

One-third of the flag has a blue perpendicular strip on the left side with a five-pointed star in the center. Two horizontal stripes complete the flag, the upper white and the lower red. The red, white and blue of the flag represent bravery, purity and loyalty.

Dr. Stewart also designed the Texas state seal that consists of a star with five points encircled by olive and live oak

branches and the words THE STATE OF TEXAS. The design came from a mother of pearl pin that had been in his family for generations. Sally says the pin was brought to the United States from England by Dr. Stewart's father in 1798 and handed down to him.

Sally knows some facts about Dr. Stewart. "He was born in 1806, originally from South Carolina. He moved to Texas in 1830 and became a resident of Montgomery County after the Texas revolution. He was a medical doctor and a pharmacist and was one of the first in the United States to discover the effects of sunrays on man. He served with the Army of the Republic of Texas and acted as interpreter between General Sam Houston and General Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto. He was on the committee of 21 to draft a constitution. He signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and served in numerous Montgomery County and city offices. He was a deputy sher-

iff, postmaster and tax collector. He served in the first, fourth and fourteenth Texas legislatures. He was also the first secretary of state in Texas."

The Texas legislature has issued a proclamation naming Montgomery County as the birthplace of the Texas flag. The Texas Almanac says Texas is one of only two states that has a flag that formerly served as the flag of an independent nation. The other is Hawaii.

When flown from separate flagpoles, the national flag and the state flag should be the same size and on flagpoles of equal length. The national flag should be on the observer's left. When flown from the same flagpole, the United States flag should be above the Texas flag. No other country's flag should be placed above the Texas flag. If outdoors, the Texas flag should be flown from dawn to dusk unless it is illuminated.

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Coyote JV Pounds Bulldog Varsity

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior Varsity football team rebounded from their disappointing outing against Sands Varsity Thursday. They totally dominated the Amherst Bulldog Varsity football team; handing the home town Bulldogs their worst loss of the 2015 football season beating them 75 to 25.

The Coyote JV team consisted of junior Dylan Murphy who would contribute with some nice blocking, but would be the produce to fumble recoveries along with his six tackles registered on the evening. Also playing with the JV team were sophomores Morgan Wilson, who would play quarterback most of the evening throwing several key blocks in this run oriented offense, while finishing the game 4 of 4 passing with 46 yards and on defense caused a fumble. He had two interceptions 5 pass break ups and 9 tackles. Nick Proulx would have a big night, but would have to leave the game with 7 minutes left in the 3rd quarter because of a back injury. While he was here he produced 5 touchdowns, one on the defensive side with a 46 yard interception return and then on the offensive side with 221 yards on 14 carries Proulx had 4 touchdowns. Braxton Coor blocked extremely well while also having a nice 19 yard catch, a pass completion for a PAT and was 7 of 7 kicking extra points on the evening. Brian Torres would put forth his best career performance as he was in on 12 tackles with 2 tackles for loss. On the offensive side of the ball he would carry the ball 22 times for 294 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Freshman that contributed in a big way was Payton Merket with his most productive day blocking while being involved in 12 tackles, 2 tackles for loss and a caused fumble while carrying the ball 2 times for 8 yards and a score. JW Nix was again solid on the line blocking, but again exerted himself defensively with some very nice tackles while

being in on a team high 14 with a sack and 2 tackles for loss. Trent Collins also had some nice blocks and caught a Point after pass from Barnes and was in on 3 tackles with a sack. Jeremy Souder blocked and snapped well again and was in on 3 tackles while also snapping for the 7 for 7 extra points. Lukas Grantham had 6 tackles on the evening and a couple of nice runs covering 24 yards.

The Coyote JV looked poised to blow this game out as they got three straight scores from Proulx, coming by way of a 26 yard run, followed by a 19 yard run and then a defensive touchdown with his interception building a quick 24 to 0 lead in the 2nd quarter. The Borden County defense got another stop with a Wilson interception and looked poised to extend the lead to 32, but a few penalties and a bad snap ended the drive and gave the home town Bulldogs some life as they scored just before half to make the score 6 to 24. The Coyotes quickly moved the ball down the field and if not for a tremendous effort to trip Proulx up at the 3 yard line, the Coyotes would have added a score. Unfortunately, the Coyotes, out of timeouts, had an errant snap end the threat and the half so they lost two golden opportunities in the 2nd quarter to extend the lead.

The Bulldogs would use a double reverse pass on their first offensive play of the second half to cut the lead to 24 to 12, but the Coyotes got a one play drive answer as Proulx followed the great blocks of Barnes, Nix, Collins, Merket and Wilson to the endzone untouched from 48 yards out to answer. Moments later after a defensive stop, the second and last carry of the half for Proulx resulted in a 60 yard score and a 38 to 12 lead. After another stop by Borden County, Torres would pick up where Proulx left off as he managed to reach the endzone from 9 yards for his first of 4 straight scores. Another Barnes kick would

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Moving on to Regionals! Members of the high school cross country teams competing in the District meet in Sweetwater are (back l to r) Coach Skelton, Dylan Murphy, Trace Richey, Rayme Jones Zoie Key, Korbin Martinez, Easton Edwards, Kylee Dean, Madi Cole, (front l to r) Braylee Walker, Tatum Richey, Emma Key, Katie Gray and Harley Merrill. Also pictured is Preslea Hall (bottom far left) who was unable to compete due to illness.



Representing Borden County in the Junior High division of the district cross country meet are (back l to r) Jacob Avey, Sydni Coor, Kaci Hudson, Chris Bell, Mason Cole, (front l to r) Trey Edwards, Gunner Shofner, Justin Willborn, Miles Wilson, Quentin Freeman, Fallon Forbes, Trent Lewis, Haddie Flanigan, Gabriella Skelton, Kennedy Tucker, Maddye Summers, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix and Kylie Barnes.

Cross Country Teams Headed to Regionals!

By Coach Skelton

Borden County qualified both girls and boys teams to the Regional Cross Country Meet for next Monday.

The boy's team of Korbin Martinez, Dylan Murphy, Easton Edwards, Trace Richey, and Jeremy Souder finished 3rd yesterday at the district meet

held at Newman Park in Sweetwater, Texas. Korbin Martinez finished 8th overall with a time of 18:53.73 followed by Easton (10th place 19:25.87), Trace Richey (19:43.19), Dylan Murphy (20:21.54), and Jeremy Souder (21:57.40). The girls finished as district runner-up as a team

and Freshmen Emma Key took top honors finishing 1st overall with a time of 12:58.02. She was followed by sister Zoie Key (6th place 13:39.64), Rayme Jones (10th place 13:50.19), Katie Gray (13:55.17), Harley Merrill

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Borden Co. Pups Pound the Bulldogs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups traveled to Amherst Thursday to take on a depleted Bulldog football team. With grades taking its toll on the Amherst Bulldog football team the Pups and Bulldogs made plans to play a half with the A bunch against their JH team and a half with our B bunch and maybe use a couple of guys to help this group as well. Sometimes things don't always go as planned, but on this Thursday everything worked out as the A bunch was able to make quick work of the Bulldogs. The A group of 8th graders Jake Avey, Will Yarbro, Colbin Briley and Olivia Reyes teamed up with 7th graders Kiegan Benavidez, Trey Edwards, Mason Cole and Tommy Mack Kingston. This group which starts Avey, Yarbro, Benavidez, Edwards, Cole and Kingston on both sides of the ball saw each of these young men have a hand in a touchdown in the first half.

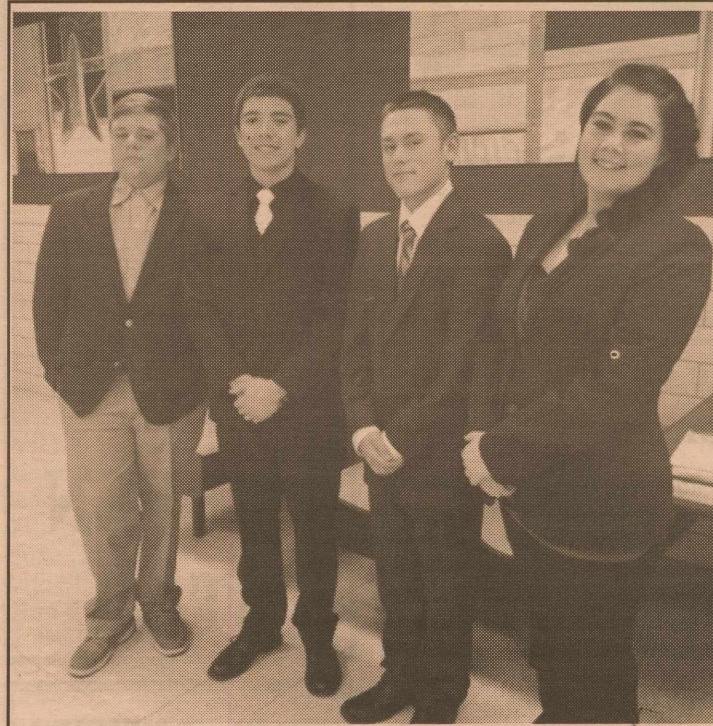
Things started fast as Trey Edwards hit Will Yarbro with a nice 38 yard pass play setting up Yarbro's 5 yard touchdown run. After forcing a punt, Yarbro got the first of two blocked punts. This particular punt block Mason Cole recovered the loose ball in the endzone for a Pups touchdown and a quick 12-0 lead. Yarbro added the kick to push the lead to 14 to 0. After forcing a turnover on downs, Edwards hit Tommy Mack with a 36 yard pass, catch and run for another Borden County score and a 20-0 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter, Will Yarbro blocked his second kick of the day and this time he picked the loose pigskin up himself and raced 20 yards to pay dirt and a 26 to 0 lead. Edwards hit Colbin Briley on the extra point attempt to make the score 27 to 0 early in the 2nd quarter. On the next defensive series, Trent Lewis made an appearance with this group and he quickly got into the action with an interception. One play later, Jake Avey moved from his usual fullback position to tailback and made good work of the move as he

sprinted and juked 22 yards to pay dirt and a comfortable 33 to 0 Pup lead. Lewis got into the act offensively with several of the B or second team offensive players reaching the endzone for the point after and a 34 to 0 lead. The Pups again forced a punt, this time they got it off and Avey picked up the ball and raced to the 8 yard line. Again, a one play drive would net Borden County another score, this time from Kiegan Benavidez from 8 yards out and what would be the final halftime score and final play for the first 6 guys making the final score 40-0.

In the second half, Olivia Reyes and Colbin Briley would join classmates, Brad Thomas, Junior Gray, Latham Huckaby, and Jason Robinson, along with 7th graders Justin Willborn, Trent Lewis, Miles Wilson, Clancy Kleck, JR Partney, Blane Justice, Quentin Freeman and Gunner Shofner. This group would play the entire second half, with each and every one of these Pups playing on both sides of the ball and contributing on both sides with either an assisted tackle or a block for the run.

With this group in the game, the Pups would force a quick 4 play turnover on downs and immediately march the ball down the field. The drive would culminate with a nice 16 yard run to pay dirt by Trent Lewis. Justin Willborn would hit Gunner Shofner for the point after and a quick 7-0 lead. Borden County would again force the ball over on downs and this time the drive would finish in the endzone thru the air as Justin Willborn hit Olivia Reyes with a nice throw and catch for the score and a 13-0 lead. Willborn would hit Brad Thomas with the point after to extend the lead to 14 to 0. Another defensive stop would give the ball back to the visiting team and this time Justin Willborn would reach pay dirt with his feet and a 20 to 0 lead. The Pups would get the ball back again late and this time Jason Robinson would be the beneficiary of some nice blocks resulting in a 4th touch-



Borden County students fared well at the recent Midland Lee annual speech tournament. Those competing were (l to r) Trent Collins, Nathan Souder, Josh Murphy and Lexi Cheatham.

Souder Earns Congress Win at Midland Lee Meet

Competing against the likes of students from San Angelo Central, Abilene Cooper, Big Spring, and Granbury, Borden County senior Nathan Souder took the first place trophy at Midland Lee's annual speech tournament.

In the contest, which simulates *Congressional Debate*, Nathan along with teammate Trent Collins advanced to the finals. Trent, a freshman, finished ninth overall out of 33 representatives.

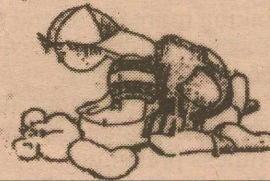
Also competing and ad-

vancing to finals was senior Lexi Cheatham in *Poetry Interpretation*. She was the only small school contestant in the finals, facing seven other readers from San Angelo Central and Seminole.

Sophomore Josh Murphy represented Borden County in Lincoln-Douglas debate. He went 1-2 in three preliminary rounds debating the following resolution: *Adolescents ought to have the right to make autonomous medical choices*.

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School Lunch Menu

Oct. 26-30, 2015

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Tuscan Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

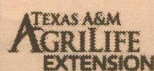
Tuesday - Breakfast: Blueberry Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Chili & Cornbread, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Roll, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Mexican Combo Plate, Spanish Rice, Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: PB&J, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Cookie and Milk.

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Tips for Facing the Cold and Flu Season

Texans are always grateful for the cooler weather that comes during the winter months. However, with this welcome weather comes the dreaded cold and flu season. Each year, 10-20 percent of Americans will contract the influenza virus, better known as "the flu." The common cold takes an even greater toll on people – affecting around 25 percent of the population annually. While there are no proven methods to prevent these maladies, there are some simple precautions that may help reduce your risk of feeling under the weather.

Wash Your Hands: Most cold and flu germs are spread by direct contact. If you were to sneeze into your hand and then touch a doorknob, the germs may stay on that doorknob for hours – even days. LaShanda Williams says that she washes her hands frequently at work because she shares many public spaces with co-workers. "So many people in my office are sick or have sick children and may or may not wash their hands during the day," said Williams. "I figure that if I keep my hands clean, I can reduce my risk of being sick." LaShanda is doing the right thing to protect herself from the germs of others. She is also reducing the risk of spreading any germs she may carry to her co-workers. So wash your hands often – you will be taking a big step toward preventing illness.

Sneezes and Coughs: Many people have the initial reaction to cover their nose or mouth with their hands when they sneeze or cough. A better practice would be to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or handkerchief. Germs cling to your bare hands – muffling coughs and sneezes with your hands results in passing along your germs to others. If you don't have a tissue, turn your

head away from people near you and cough into the air. If you do cover a sneeze or cough with your hands, remember to wash your hands immediately.

Drink Plenty of Fluids: Your body cannot function properly without fluids – especially water. Water flushes your system, washing out the poisons as it rehydrates you. In addition to water, natural fruit juices give you the hydration that your body needs in addition to vitamins and minerals that may be lacking. On average, an adult needs around 8-eight ounce glasses of water each day. Dehydration is a common occurrence with any illness so remember to keep your fluid intake up.

Relax and Be Happy: Stress may have a very negative effect on your health. Recent studies have shown that people with a positive attitude – energetic, happy and relaxed – are less likely to catch colds than people who are depressed, nervous or angry. People with a positive attitude may show fewer signs and symptoms of illness because healthy attitudes tend to promote healthy lifestyle habits.

Sleep: Remember that sleep plays a very important role in your body's ability to heal itself. Linda Bice says that a good night's rest is often all she needs when she starts feeling ill. Says Bice, "I usually don't get sick and when I do, I know it's because I haven't been getting enough rest. So, I start drinking more fluids and try to get as much rest as possible." Sleep is very important for so many of the functions of the body but especially in the role of illness prevention.

Vaccinate: Though there is really nothing to be done about the common cold, a vaccine for the flu is available each year. Studies have shown that the flu shot reduces the number of people who contract pneumo-

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nia as a result of the flu, upper respiratory infections, missed days at work and visits to a doctor for respiratory infections. Even if a flu shot does not prevent the flu, the vaccine can reduce the severity of flu symptoms and decrease the risk of complications. In addition, the flu shot is now covered by most health insurance plans. Ask your healthcare provider about whether or not you should have the flu shot this year. **The flu clinic in Gail will be held Thursday, October 22nd from 9:30-12:00 noon in the Nurse's Office at Borden County School.**

Since there are no known cures for colds and flu, prevention must be your goal. The winter months that bring the Lone Star State its cooler weather do not necessarily have to bring colds and flu to you and your family. For more information about this topic, please contact your healthcare provider or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County office. You may also visit the Center for Disease Control web site for more information about flu (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>).

Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Gerontology Health Specialist - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



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If you will be exhibiting an animal at the 2016 Borden County Junior Livestock Show, please submit your size for the fleece jacket (youth sizes) and ¾ zip fleece pullover (adult sizes) to Cody by 10/23.

Sheep and Goat Validation

Monday, October 26 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. – Ag Farm

Youth Football League

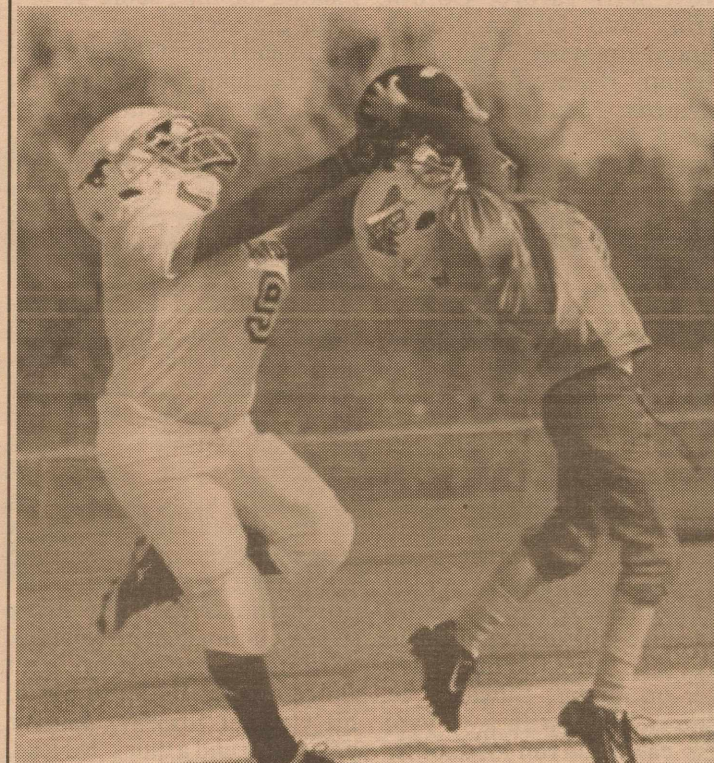


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Borden County 3rd grader, Zak Lewis (right) reaches up for an interception against the Sands Mustangs in last Saturday's game in Gail.

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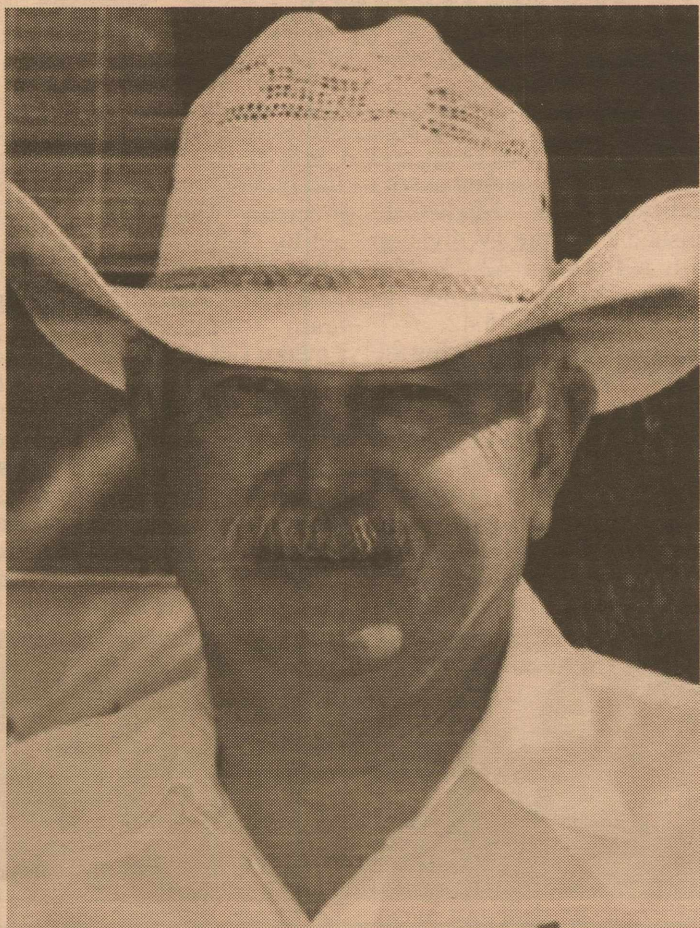
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Obituary

Kenneth Pearce Bennett 1947 - 2015



Kenneth Pearce Bennett, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, Elder, and friend, entered the kingdom of Heaven on October 7th 2015. Kenneth was born in Prescott, Arizona on March 3, 1947 to Willis Bennett and Doris Melba Bennett. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, brother, and grandparents. He is survived by: his wife Shirley Bennett, children: Clint Bennett and wife Jennie, Holly Downs and husband Jason, Shelly Simmons and husband Yancey, Brande Buchanan and husband Kenny, grandchildren: Kayla & Luke Bennett, Michaela, Payton, & Payne Downs, Katelyn & Joseph Simmons, and Emma Buchanan.

Kenneth spent his childhood on horseback alongside his dad who was a professional cutting horse trainer. Although they resided on ranches all over Texas growing up, he always considered Borden County his home. Kenneth

graduated from Borden County High School in 1965. He then attended college in Lubbock where he earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Agriculture Education from Texas Tech University.

Following graduation, he worked for the Extension Service, Cameron Wholesale for ten years and several businesses across the state before eventually returning to Borden County in 1989. It is here that he served as Deputy Sheriff and County Treasurer for many years. It was in Gail where he met his wife Shirley and they made a home. Shirley shared his love for horses and ranching, and they spent most of their free time in the great outdoors. Kenneth and Shirley were proud supporters of the Borden County Coyotes and served as EMS. Once they became grandparents, they loved to visit and spend time with their grandchildren.

Kenneth and Shirley enjoyed many things together, but the one thing very dear to them was going to church and serving alongside their brothers and sisters in Christ at the Heaven Bound Cowboy Church. Kenneth was passionate about in his faith in God. He loved the Lord and he wanted everyone to know it. He also loved his family, friends, & (truth be known)...he loved his dogs. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to:

Heaven Bound Cowboy Church
PO Box 1296
Snyder, TX 79550.

Thought for the Day

*Then Jesus told them,
"You are going to
have the light just a
little while longer.
Walk while you have
the light, before
darkness overtakes
you. The man who
walks in the dark does
not know where he is
going. Put your trust
in the light while you
have it, so that you
may become sons of
light." When he had
finished speaking,
Jesus left and hid
himself from them.
-John 12:35-36*

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Trapeze

A trapeze artist can only fly from one trapeze to another by first releasing the bar he is holding on to. This takes a lot of nerve, determination, and desire. It is certainly contrary to human nature to let go of something that is secure in exchange for the unfamiliar.

Life is like the trapeze. There are many circumstances where you have to let go of what is known in order to learn, grow, and find additional happiness. Changing jobs, changing careers, getting married, getting divorced, moving, and starting a family are just some examples. Having to let go is a simple concept that is not so easy to put into practice.

Each of us has a need for security. For the most part, we would prefer to keep the comfort of what we are used to rather than reach out to grab something new. Actually, the prospect of releasing our grip from that which we think is safe is downright frightening.

So how can you condition yourself to let go of what you are hanging on to in order to improve your life? Just like a person learning to use the trapeze, you need to start with something easy and then gradually increase the challenges as you build your confidence.

A good place to begin is by identifying all of those things you would like to do but have not yet attempted. List everything you think of without any limitations. Resist the temptation to evaluate your desires; even if you feel something is unrealistic or too difficult, list it anyway.

Creating your list accomplishes several things. Putting your aspirations in writing is the first step to bringing them into reality. As you write down your thoughts, they are absorbed into your mind as a real desire. Creating your list makes you fully aware of all of your dreams.

Once you have your ideas, you can then prioritize them in two different ways. One list

should be arranged in order from least to most important. The other list should be ordered by level of difficulty, from easiest to hardest. This second list is the one you will use to practice letting go.

Start with the easiest item. Ignore all of the others for now. Give yourself a specific time limit to complete this task. Don't be vague. Without a deadline, you won't take action. If you put it off, you won't accomplish anything and will find it impossible to make any progress.

Once the first task has been completed, move to the item that is next in terms of difficulty. Repeat the same process. Accomplishing the easiest items may not provide much satisfaction, but with each success, your confidence will grow.

You will quickly discover that letting go isn't nearly as arduous as you imagined. Many people who go through this training process are surprised at how their imagined fears had little or no basis in reality.

After tackling the first few easy tasks, switch over to the list that has your aspirations arranged by importance. Don't jump immediately to the most important item. Start with something a few levels below. Again, you will be continuing to boost your confidence.

Learning to let go will enable you to achieve more than you thought possible. You will be amazed at the positive impact it will have on your life and level of satisfaction. It's really easy to begin. Don't waste any more time. Get started today making your lists and then get to work practicing.

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Borden County Football 2015 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 14 th	Friday	Garden City	There	5:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 20 th	Thursday	Robert Lee	Here	6:00
#1	Aug. 28 th	Friday	Crowell	Jayton	8:00
#2	Sept. 4 th	Friday	Lueders Avoca	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 11 th	Friday	Rankin	There	7:30
#4	Sept. 18 th	Friday	New Home	Here	7:30
#5	Sept. 25 th	Friday	Knox City	There	7:30
#6	Oct. 2 nd	Friday	Ropes	There	7:30
#7	Oct. 9 th	Friday	Water Valley	Here	7:30
#8	Oct. 16 th	Friday	Open	TBA	7:30
*#9	Oct. 22 nd	Thursday	Grady	Here	7:30
*#10	Oct. 30 th	Friday	Klondike	Here	7:30
*#11	Nov. 5 th	Thursday	O'Donnell	There	7:30

*District Opponents for 2014 - 2015: Grady, Klondike, O'Donnell

** Homecoming game

Head Coach: Trey Richey

Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Mike Skelton and Bubba Edwards

Cross Country Going to Regionals...

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(14:05.02) were the top five finishers with Kylee Dean, and Tatum Richey rounding out the qualifying team. Madi Cole finished 2nd in the JV division with a time 14:42.23, and Braylee Walker finished 4th with a time of 15:45.42.

The Junior Teams sweep the District meet winning both the Boys and Girls title. Mason Cole lead the charge for the boys finishing 3rd overall with a time of 13:29.28. The boys winning team consisted of Jake Avey (8th 15:07.29), Trent Lewis (10th 15:28.34. The other members of the team included

Miles Wilson, Trey Edwards, Chris Bell, Gunner Shofner, Justin Wilborn, and Quentin Freeman. The girl's team was led by Gabi Skelton who finished 1st overall with a time of 13:31.28. The girls winning team consisted of Hailey Lowery (3rd 13:46.18), Haddie Flanagan (6th 13:53.53), Erin Nix (9th 14:04.51). The other members of the team included Brittney Walker, Fallon Forbes, Maddy Sumners, Kaci Hudson, Kennedy Tucker, Sydni Coor, Maggie Miller, and Kylie Barnes. All in all it was a great day to be a Coyote!!



DEMOCRATIC CHAIRPERSON

Borden County is in need of a Democratic Party Chairperson for the March 2016 Primary Election. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Democratic Party office at:

Phone 512/478-9800 or emial: txdemocrats.org

You must reside and be a registered voter in Borden County to be eligible for the position.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1 - First day to accept regular application for ballot by mail

OCTOBER 5 - Last day to register to vote in the amendment election

OCTOBER 19 - Early voting begins

OCTOBER 23 - Last day to receive a regular application for ballot by mail

OCTOBER 30 - Early voting ends

NOVEMBER 3 - ELECTION DAY

MUST HAVE ID

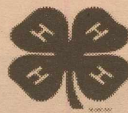
Early voting will be held in the county clerk's office in the Borden County Courthouse

If you have any questions concerning the election, please contact

Jana Underwood, County Clerk



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H



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Borden County 4-H Honors

The 2014-15 4-H Achievement Picnic was held on Wednesday, October 14 in Bicentennial Park. Families and guests helped to celebrate the many projects offered through 4-H as well as the achievements of 4-H members in 2014-15. The meal consisted of hamburgers with the trimmings.

Various honors were given to 4-H youth, leaders and friends of the 4-H program. 4-H youth were recognized for their participation of project work in the swine, meat goat, beef, sheep, horse, leadership, shooting sports, food and nutrition, photography, robotics, recreation, citizenship and clothing and textiles project areas. Youth were also recognized for their achievement toward the Achievement Point System which was designed to recognize those youth that take the opportunity to participate in the many aspects that 4-H has to offer, from projects, club meetings, community service and fund raising activities, and District and State 4-H events, including contests and camps. We have thirteen youth that have achieved over 250 points in the 2014-15 year, making them all Outstanding 4-H'ers for the year. They will receive a jacket and a \$25 scholarship toward a camp of their choice. They are: Brooklyn Gray, Katie Gray, Hayley Gray, Jenna Holbrooks, Paige Holbrooks, Ben Nix, Erin Nix, JW Nix, Thomas Nix, Ryann Phillips, Tres Spencer, Laney Stansell, Ashlyn Tucker, Kennedy Tucker and Kaylee Walker. The seven 4-H'ers that reached the 150 points required for a 4-H jacket are Aubree Blissard, Myka Blissard, Lukas Grantham, Garrett Hill, and Rexie Sanders. These youth will receive an embroidered Borden County 4-H jacket. Two youth achieved 100 to 149 points and they will receive a 4-H hoodie. These youth are: Sydni Coor and Kaitlyn Cribbs. There are twenty-eight youth that achieved

50-99 points and they will be able to choose two items from a selection of 4-H promotional items. These youth are: Kylie Barnes, Savannah Barnes, Kassi Collins, Braxton Coor, Mason Coor, Vincent Frankl, Taylor Horton, Kaci Hudson, Ben Justics, Blane Justice, Kelby Kleck, Klancey Kleck, Jayton Lewis, Riley Lewis, Trent Lewis, Payton Merket, Dallie Miller, Maggie Miller, Kasen Oaks, Morghan Oaks, Avery Price, J. Tom Price, Macee Rathbun, Ryan Rathbun, Flint Roberts, Charli Snell, Thomas Snell, and Ethan Stephens. Those that receive less than 50 points they will be able to choose one item from a selection of 4-H promotional items. These members are: Colbin Briley, Trent Collins, Connor Etheredge, Riley Herridge, Savannah Herridge, Kable Kleck, Kell Kleck, and Maddye Summers. We are extremely proud of these youth for taking every opportunity to be involved in 4-H through a variety of activities and projects.

We presented three different star awards this year. The Bronze Star Award is presented to a Junior 4-H member that has completed at least one year in 4-H and has also submitted a Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-H'er is considered for the award. This 4-H member must have also completed at least two different projects outlined in their record book, as well as participated in community service, leadership and promotional activities. This year's recipient of the Bronze Star Award is Tres Spencer. The Silver Star Award is presented to an Intermediate 4-H member that has completed at least three years in 4-H and has also submitted a Record Book for county competition in the year the 4-H'er is considered for the award. This 4-H member must have also completed at least three different projects outlined in their record book, as well as partici-

pated in community service, leadership and promotional activities. This year's recipient of the Silver Star Award is Kennedy Tucker. The 4-H Gold Star award is the highest honor that may be bestowed upon a 4-H member at any level. It is presented to Senior 4-H'ers that have demonstrated leadership through their involvement in their projects, community service, and 4-H promotion. This award is based on an individual's diversified 4-H career and how they have progressed throughout the years in the program. It is indeed an honor to be chosen as a recipient, for this represents the "peak of excellence" in 4-H. You must complete a recordbook to be eligible. Ashlyn Tucker is the 2015 recipient of the Gold Star Award.

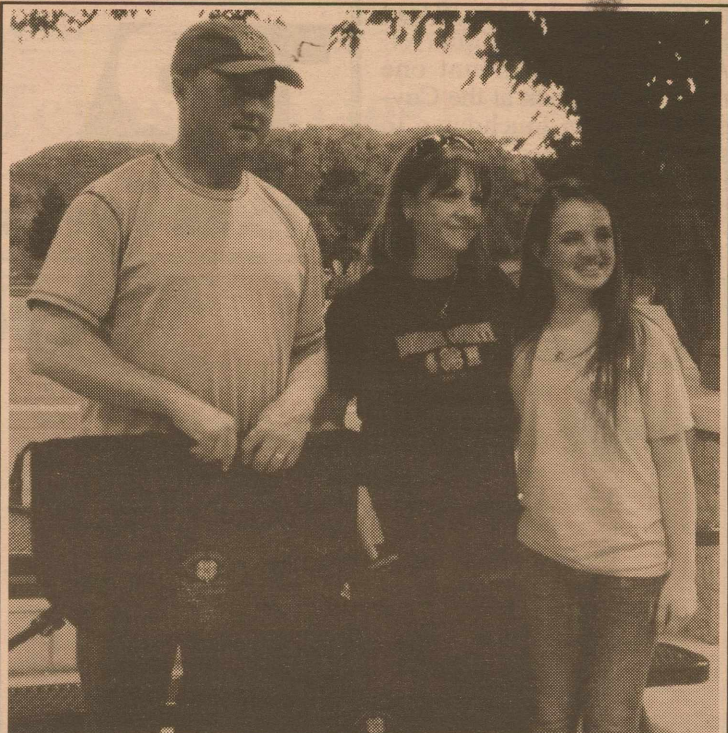
This year's Outstanding Leaders were also recognized for their dedication, hard work and assistance with various 4-H projects. This year, Todd and Marlo Holbrooks were honored as Outstanding Leaders. The Holbrooks and Ashlyn will again be honored at the South Plains District 4-H Gold Star and Distinguished Leader Banquet in November.

We congratulate all 4-H youth, leaders and 4-H friends for their accomplishments and wish to thank everyone for their contributions to the Borden County 4-H program. We would also like to thank everyone for their attendance and say a special thanks to Daniel Nix and Todd Holbrooks for cooking the hamburgers.

If you would like more information about how you and your family can become involved in 4-H, please contact Julie Smith or Cody Hill at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County office at (806)756-4336, or check out our Facebook page: Borden County Extension and 4-H.



Receiving Star Awards are Kennedy Tucker-Silver Star; Tres Spencer-Bronze Star and Ashlyn Tucker-Gold Star award.



Todd and Marlo Holbrooks (far left and center) were recognized as Outstanding 4-H Leaders. Also pictured is Katie Gray.



Borden County 4-H members attending the recent 4-H Achievement Picnic were: (back l to r) Hayley Gray Kennedy Tucker, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Ashlyn Tucker, Thomas Nix, Kaylee Walker, Erin Nix, Maggie Miller, J.W. Nix, (middle l to r) Oliver Skelton, Laney Stansell, Macee Rathbun, Dallie Miller, Tres Spencer, (front l to r) Jenna Holbrooks, Rexie Sanders, Kassi Collins, Kenzie White, Agatha Skelton and Ben Nix.

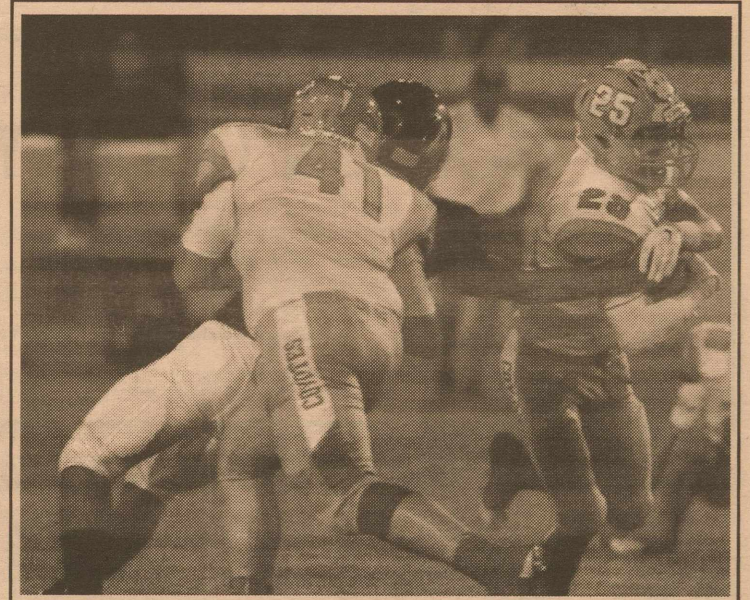
Coyote JV Defeats Amherst...

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extend the Coyote lead to 46 to 12. Again, it looked as if the Coyotes were going to put the final touches on this as they got deep into Bulldog territory only to face several penalties and another snap issue that forced the ball over on downs. The Bulldogs would not go away as they answered with a score in the 3rd to cut the lead to 46 to 25 but again, Borden County answered in one play as Torres would set sail on a 50 yard run and with the kick the Coyotes had a 54 to 19 lead heading to the 4th quarter. Amherst would mount one more charge back at the Coyotes getting a touchdown to start the 4th quarter, but the visiting team again answered in on play as Torres and the Coyotes again sprinted 50 yards to

the endzone and a 62 to 25 lead. After a defensive stop, Payton Merket would get into the act as he plunged in from 3 yards out to extend the lead to 68 to 25. Barnes would hit Trent Collins with the point after pass to make the score 69 to 12. Brian Torres would get the final tally from 36 yards out that would have ended the game with a 75 to 25 tally but a questionable call would take the points off the board leav-

ing the score at 69 to 25 final. Great rebound guys and great effort. So proud of you guys. The JV will be off this week and they are looking for two more games to end the season, one of which could be the Dawson Dragon Varsity and a re-match with New Home JV the last week but neither of these games are confirmed. Thank you to everyone who made the long trip to Amherst to support these young men.



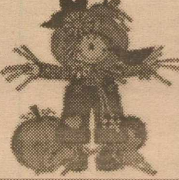

Coyote, Braxton Barnes (#41) blocks against an Amherst player which allows ball runner, Nick Proulx (#25) to score for the Coyotes.



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 OCTOBER 						
*Denotes District Game						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Coyote JH & JV vs. New Home & Ropes, Here 5:30/7:00	2 End of 1st Six Weeks Coyotes vs. Ropes-There, 7:30	3
4	5 HOLIDAY	6 Beginning of 2nd Six Weeks	7	8 Coyote JH/JV vs. Water Valley-There, 5:30/7:00	9 HOMECOMING Pep Rally-5:00 Senior Supper-following Pep Rally Coyotes vs. Water Valley, 7:30	10 Speech Tournament @ Muleshoe
11	12	13 Just For Juniors-Coyote Room, 7:00	14 PSAT Test 10 th -11 th graders	15 Coyote JH & JV vs. Amherst, There 5:30/7:00	16	17 Speech Tournament @ Midland Lee
Senior Scholastic Book Fair October 12-16						
18	19 District CC @ Sweetwater	20 Coyote JH vs. Grady-There, 5:30	21	22 *Coyote JV & V vs. Grady, Here 5:30/7:30	23 Progress Reports	24 Speech Tournament @ Odessa
25	26	27	28 School Wide Assembly, Motivational Speaker-Melvin Adams	29 Coyote JH & JV vs. Klondike, There 5:30/7:00	30 Picture Day *Coyotes vs. Klondike-Here, 7:30 Speech Tournament @ Big Spring	31 Speech Tournament @ Speech Tournament @ Big Spring